

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, January 22, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Tom Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE  
Monica Tranel

(25) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Jergeson moved to support Senate Bill 173 concerning the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) study area. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Tom Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick  
Utility Division

(26) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2003.1.3; On January 2, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-01, Digital Switch Service (DSS), Uniform Access Solution (UAS), and ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) promotion. Customers subscribing to DSS, PRS, and UAS will receive reduced contract rates. These bundled prices include the DS1 facility, 24 trunk connections, and with PRS it also includes the service configuration. This promotion will only be available where it is technically feasible to provide services and where facilities are available. Contracts must be signed by April 25, 2003, and the customer requested installation date may be no later than June 24, 2003. The promotional period is scheduled to run from January 27, 2003 through April 25, 2003.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioners Jergeson, Rowe, Schneider and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard dissented.

(27) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2003.1.14; On January 2, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-02, ISDN Single Line Service. Customers subscribing to ISDN Single Line Service under a one, two, three, or five year rate stability agreement will receive the first month's service free. In addition, non-recurring charges will be waived. Customers will also receive Satisfaction Assurance. If service does not meet customers' expectations, service may be terminated without contract Termination Liability charges. Satisfaction Assurance is only available within the first 60 days following the installation date. If the customer terminates the service within the first 60 days following installation, the customer will be released from their contract and billed for the time they had the service during the second month. Contracts must be signed by May 2, 2003. The customer requested date may be no later than July 1, 2003. The promotional period is scheduled to run from February 3, 2003 through May 2, 2003. Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Jergeson, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioners Brainard and Schneider dissented.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(28) In the matter of TN2166; Dick Irvin, Inc., Shelby, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9392 to Irvin, Inc. and Mico, Inc. dba I & T Transfer, Shelby, Montana for a twelve (12) month period, January 6, 2003 to January 6, 2004.

SUB F Class B - Property within the town of Fairfield, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town, and the transportation of building materials only within a distance not exceeding 150 miles in any direction from said town of Fairfield. Limitation: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB L Class B - Property in Oilmont, Montana, and in the oil fields tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB M Class B - Property within the City of Conrad, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini, or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Brainard moved to continue the lease. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(29) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 13, 2003. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

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Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Mike Lee

(30) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company and Blackfoot Telecommunications Settlement Agreement, Docket Nos. D2000.1.14 and D2000.5.63; Commissioner Jergeson moved to deny the motion to strike comments of Qwest and noting that accepting comments does not confer party status. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brainard moved to deny the motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(31) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Credit Application, Docket No. D2002.12.159; Commissioner Stovall moved to adopt the draft order. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the financing but prohibiting the use of the money for non-utility affiliates. Motion dies for lack of a second.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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APPEARANCE  
Commissioners

(32) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation (default supply consensus bill, LC 1019); Commissioner Brainard moved to submit the statement with LC 1019. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday, January 24, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Tom Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(33) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy and LP/Barretts Contracts for Uneconomic Bypass, Docket No. D2000.7.98; Commissioner Schneider moved to extend the deadline to request reconsideration to February 8, 2003. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Steve Vick, Will Rosquist

(34) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Jergeson moved to forward a fiscal note on SB 247 with staff assumptions indicating an estimation of one and a half contracts per biennium (2400 hours at \$140/hour). Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(35) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Credit Agreement, Docket No. D2002.12.159; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the order with revisions. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioners Jergeson, Rowe, Schneider and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard dissented.

APPEARANCE

Commissioner Rowe

(36) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the designation of a Western Electricity Coordinating Council representative; Commissioner Jergeson moved to appoint Tom Schneider as the WECC representative. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Stovall was temporarily away from the room but voted aye upon his return.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney

(37) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the PSC Complaint against Integretel for Unauthorized Charges on Telephone Bills, Docket No. D2002.10.126; Commissioner Jergeson moved to dismiss Enhanced Services Billing, Inc. without prejudice, and refund customer charges as they are identified. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

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